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Letter dated 18 September 1997 from the Permanent Representative of Guinea-Bissau to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to request that you arrange for the distribution as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 42, of the decisions adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixty-sixth ordinary session, held at Harare from 28 to 31 May 1997 (annex I)* and the declarations and decisions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session, held at Harare from 2 to 4 June 1997 (annex II)*.

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Permanent Representative of the Republic of
Guinea-Bissau and Chairman of the African
Group for the month of September

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The Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity meeting in its Sixty-sixth Ordinary Session in Harare, Zimbabwe from 28 to 31 May, 1997,

Having considered the report of the preparatory meeting of the Committee of Ambassadors and Other Plenipotentiaries,

After reviewing the economic, political and social situation in Africa; and

After considering the financial, administrative and legal matters of the Organization, have reached the following decisions.

CM/Dec.330 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Activities of the Organization for the Period February to May 1997**

1. Report on the Activities of the General Secretariat: CM/2000 (LXVI) Part I.

2. Report on the Activities of the Regional and Sub-Regional Offices: CM/2000 (LXVI) Part II.

Council TAKES NOTE of the two reports.

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS

CM/Dec.331 (LXVI) - **Progress Report of the Secretary-General on Relations between the European Union and the ACP Countries on the Eve of the 21st. Century (Doc. CM/2010 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;

(b) **TAKES NOTE ALSO** of the planned preparatory meetings which are to consolidate the ACP position for the negotiation of a successor arrangement to the Lome IV Convention;

(c) **URGES** African negotiators to maintain unity and solidarity with other members of the ACP Group, while preserving African interests;

(d) **URGES** all Member States and Regional Economic Communities to participate effectively in the African Preparatory Meeting scheduled for 1 - 3 July, 1997 in Addis Ababa;

(e) **REQUESTS** the Secretary General to continue to provide support and assistance to African delegations, throughout the negotiations, and in particular, during the first ACP Summit in Libreville Gabon;

(f) **REQUESTS FURTHER** the Secretary General to monitor closely, the evolution of the negotiation process, continue to take an active role in the formulation of ACP positions in the negotiations process, and submit a report to Council on the matter at its 68th regular session.

CM/Dec.332 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Contact Group of the Africa's External Debt - (Doc.CM/2011 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;

(b) **ENDORSES** the work programme for the convening of the First Meeting of the Ambassadors of Member States of the Enlarged Contact Group and subsequently;

(c) **DECIDES** that Experts from the Ministries of Finance of OAU Member States be convened between September/November, 1997;

(d) **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to report to the next Session of Council.

CM/Dec.333 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Seventh All-Africa Trade Fair - (Doc.CM/2012 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;

(b) **EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION** to the Government and people of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for hosting the Fair;

(c) **REAFFIRMS ITS** Resolution CM/Res.1458 (LVIII) adopted in Cairo, Egypt, from 21 to 25 June, 1993 as follows:

(i) that the Eighth All-Africa Trade Fair shall take place in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire in the year 2000;

(ii) that the Ninth All-Africa Trade Fair shall take place in Dakar, Senegal, in the year 2004.

CM/Dec.334 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) - (Doc. CM/2021 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **WELCOMES** the initiative of TICAD co-organizers namely, the Government of Japan, UN, Global Coalition for Africa, to hold the Second TICAD in 1998 and its preparatory meetings in 1997 both in Tokyo;

(b) **EXPRESSES THE FIRM DETERMINATION** of African countries to achieve, at TICAD II, action-oriented results, with concrete plan of action, to further promote African development in the spirit of African ownership and global partnership;

(c) **URGES** TICAD II to come up with a Programme of Action which could serve as a major guideline in the cooperation between Africa and the International Community;

(d) **APPEALS** to the international community to continue to strongly support and actively participate in the TICAD II process;

(e) **CALLS UPON** Member States to prepare conveniently for TICAD II and for that purpose convene an African preparatory meeting;

(f) **ALSO CALLS** the co-organizers of TICAD II to involve all African countries in the TICAD II process.

(g) **ALSO AGREES** that all Member States of the OAU should participate in TICAD II, unlike TICAD I to which some African countries were not invited, and **CALLS ON** the Secretariat to carry out the necessary consultations to this effect with the co-organizers of TICAD II.

CM/Dec.335 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Twentieth Session of Labour and Social Affairs Commission - (Doc.CM/2014 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **ENDORSES** the Report as adopted by the Twentieth Session of the OAU Labour and Social Affairs Commission;

(b) **FURTHER ENDORSES** the Report, the recommendations including the thematic recommendations of the Arusha Seminar on the Protection of the Child and Elimination of Child Labour;

(c) **ADOPTS** the outcome of the Arusha Seminar as the African Common Position on Child Labour at the forthcoming International Conference on Child Labour to be held in Oslo in October 1997; and **REQUESTS** the ILO, UNICEF, WHO and the OAU Secretariat to conduct an in-depth study on the issues and problems of Child Protection and Elimination of Child Labour at national, sub-regional, regional and continental levels;

(d) **REQUESTS** the ILO to assist the OAU Secretariat in strengthening, promoting and implementing the principle of Tripartism, in cooperation with PEC and OATUU in the OAU Labour and Social Affairs; to assist the OAU Secretariat in the effective organization of Sessions of the Labour and Social Affairs Commission; and to collaborate with the OAU Secretariat, PEC and OATUU to develop a broad-based employment strategy for consideration by the Labour and Social Affairs Commission;

(e) **REITERATES** the importance of enhancing productivity and creating a productivity culture in Africa; **REQUESTS** the Secretariats of the OAU, PAPA, in collaboration with ILO, OATUU, PEC and ALO to convene a tripartite meeting solely devoted to promoting productivity in Africa; and **APPEALS** to Member States to be effectively represented at the Pan-African Seminar on Work Ethic and Leadership in Africa to be held in Accra, Ghana in July, 1997;

(f) **INVITES** Member States to involve the Youth through the PYM in the formulation and implementation of national, regional and continental plans and programmes for socio-economic development;

(g) **APPEALS** to Member States, in association with all the components of the African Sports Movement, to address the migration issue of top African Athletes with a view to deliberately financing such athletes by their individual countries to participate in continental Championships and Games as is done in Soccer;

(h) **ENCOURAGES** the OAU Secretariat, the UNDCP, WHO, UNICEF and other concerned organizations to strengthen their cooperation and establish a mechanism on Drug Control within the OAU Secretariat to follow-up the implementation of the Plan of Action on Drug Control and Abuse in Member States.

CM/Dec.336 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Pan-African Conference on Environment and Development Ouagadougou, March 1997 - (Doc.CM/2015 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;

(b) **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to pursue the activities aimed at preparing Africa towards the holding of:

(i) the 19th Extraordinary Session of the UN General Assembly slated for 23 - 27 June, 1997 in New York devoted to the global assessment of the results of the 1992 Rio de Janeiro Conference on Environment and Development;

(ii) the First Conference of States Parties to the Convention on Desertification to be held in Rome from 29 September to 10 October 1997, and **URGES** all Member States to participate fully and effectively in the two meetings;

(c) **APPEALS** to the African Member States which have not yet done so to finalize the ratification of the Convention on desertification control within the stipulated deadline to enable them to participate fully in the first conference of parties to the Convention slated for Rome from 29 September to 10 October, 1997;

(d) **REQUESTS ALSO** the Secretary-General, pursuant to Decision CM/Dec.324 (LXV) adopted in Tripoli in February 1997, to cooperate with UNEP and ECA and the other interested parties to lend their support to Member States towards the process of drawing up the Regional Programme for Africa and the establishment of the Fund to finance the implementation of this Regional Programme;

(e) **REQUESTS FURTHER** the Secretary-General to start initiatives aimed at establishing a line of cooperation between the OAU

Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa and the funding mechanism for the implementation of the Convention on Desertification;

(f) **CALLS ON** Member States to adopt a Common Position prior to the Mid-term Review of Agenda 21 scheduled for 23 - 27 June, 1997 in New York;

(g) **CALLS ON** OAU, UNEP Regional Office for Africa, ECA and other interested parties to support the African Group in preparing a comprehensive report in the form of aide-memoire for following up the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) in Africa as contained in Agenda 21 adopted in Rio de Janeiro;

(h) **REITERATES ITS SUPPORT** for UNEP as the appropriate Forum to deal, fully with all environmental issues in Africa and worldwide and **CALLS** for adequate resources to be made available to UNEP to enable it to play its coordinating and analitic role in accordance with its mandate, enshrined in the Nairobi Declaration adopted in February 1997 by the Nineteenth Session of UNEP Governing Council on the role and mandate of UNEP and the **SUPPORT** given by the Ministers of Non-Aligned countries in New Delhi, April 1997.

CM/Dec.337 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the African Platform of Action: Women, Peace and Development - (Doc. CM/2016 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report, as well as the Kigali Declaration on Peace, Gender and Development and the Action Plan for Conflict Affected Areas;

(b) **RECALLS** the endorsement by the Summit in 1994 and 1995 of the Kampala Action Plan and the African Platform for Action respectively, of the principle of establishing a concrete mechanism to facilitate the participation of women in the peace process;

(c) **APPROVES** the establishment of the African Women Committee on Peace as proposed by the Women Leadership Forum on Peace, Johannesburg, South Africa (November 1996);

(d) **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary General to urgently prepare, in collaboration with the Central Organ at Ambassadorial level and to facilitate the functioning of this Committee and give it all the necessary support to launch and enhance its operations;

(e) **RECOGNIZES** the importance of the role and contribution of women in the promotion of the culture of peace; and, to that end, **CALLS UPON** Member States, the OAU General Secretariat and other relevant Organizations such as UNESCO, to encourage and popularize the culture of peace and tolerance in all sectors of the African society;

(f) **APPEALS** to Member States to undertake concrete actions with a view to ensuring the follow-up of the World Summit on micro-credit and to promote the economic empowerment of women by adopting context-specific micro-credit systems;

(g) **CALLS UPON** the OAU Secretary General to request Member States to forward to the OAU, regular reports on the implementation of the African Platform for Action;

(h) **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and other interested international organizations, to ensure the convening, on a regular basis, of a

Pan-African Conference of Ministers Responsible for Women Matters, aimed at coordinating and mainstreaming women issues into development on the continent, for a successful implementation of the African and Global platforms for Action;

(i) **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to submit a progress report on the implementation of this decision to the Sixty-seventh Session of the Council.

CM/Dec.338 (LXVI) - **Assistance to the African Centre for Fertilizer Development- (Doc. CM/1999 (LXVI) Add.2))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report;

(b) **URGES** Member States which have not yet done so to accede and/or ratify the "Convention Establishing African Centre for Fertilizer Development";

(c) **APPEALS** to Member States of the (ACFD) to now make their contributions including any arrears thereof to the Centre's budget;

(d) **APPEALS FURTHER** to the International Donor Community to make generous contributions to the ACFD's noble programme;

(e) **URGENTLY CALLS ON** the Director of the Centre to publicize the Centre in order to encourage new members to join.

CM/Dec.339 (LXVI) - **African Forum on Adolescent Reproductive Health (Doc. CM/1999 (LXVI) Add.3))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report;

(b) **CALLS UPON** Member States to provide political support and commitment to adolescent health programmes;

(c) **CALLS ON** Member States to consolidate their programmes by involving the youth and adolescents in the formulation and implementation of Reproductive Health programmes as well as allocating necessary material and financial resources;

(d) **CALLS UPON** the International Community to support Member States effort in adolescent health programmes as called for in the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Fourth World Conference on Women (FWCW) Plans of Action and in the Declaration on the African Plan of Action concerning the situation of Women in Africa in the context of Family Health. (AHG/Decl.1 (XXXI));

(e) **RECOGNIZES** that the implementation of this recommendation should not prejudice the specificity of each society, its religious beliefs, social and cultural traditions.

CM/Dec.340 (LXVI) - **Support and Encouragement from Africa and OAU for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) (Doc. CM/1999 (LXVI) Add.5))**

Council:

(a) **URGES** the International Community to take the necessary measures aimed at substantially increasing the resources of the United Nations for operational activities in favour of Africa;

(b) **CALLS UPON** Member States to continue to support fully UNDP and other UN Agencies operational activities in Africa, particularly within the framework of the United Nations Decade for the Elimination of Poverty, the United Nations Special Initiative for Africa, the United Nations New Agenda for Africa and the Cairo Agenda for Economic and Social Development of Africa.

CM/Dec.341 (LXVI) - **"OAU's Support for the United Nations System Special Initiative for Africa" (Doc. CM/1999 (LXVI)Add.7)**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Reports;

(i) **INVITES** the OAU Current Chairman to draw the UN Secretary-General's attention to the implementation of the Initiative;

(ii) **CALLS UPON** the International Community, and, in particular, the Bretton Woods Institutions to honour the commitment made within the framework of this Initiative;

(iii) **URGES** Member States to implement the Initiative by assuming, in a concerted manner, their share of the responsibility.

CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MATTERS IN THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS AND OTHER PLENIPOTENTIARIES

FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

CM/Dec.342 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Financial Situation of the Organization Doc.CM/2001 (LXVI)**

After consideration of the recommendations of the Committee of Ambassadors as contained in the report of its Fifth Ordinary Session, Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report;

(b) **COMMENDS** all Member States that are up to date in settling their assessed contributions to the regular budget of the Organization;

(c) **URGES** all those countries still in arrears to make diligent arrangements for their full settlement.

CM/Dec.343 (LXVI) - **Report of the Eighth Session of the Committee on Contributions Doc. CM/2002 (LXVI)**

After the consideration of the report of the Committee, Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report; and **COMMENDS** the excellent work accomplished so far by the Committee;

(b) **ENDORSES** all the recommendations of the Committee contained in paragraph 16 of the report, and requests the Committee in close cooperation with the General Secretariat to review periodically their full implementation;

(c) **DIRECTS** that the Committee should address, during its next Session, the individual cases of those countries that are in arrears for 10 years or more, and, to make the appropriate recommendations, bearing in mind the standing decisions, regarding sanctions against all defaulting countries;

(d) **REITERATES ITS APPRECIATION** for the efforts deployed by those Member States which are up-to-date in the settlement of their arrears.

AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION

CM/Dec.344 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on Afro-Arab Cooperation - (Doc. CM/2017 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report;

(b) **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General, in cooperation with the League of Arab States and H.E. the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Burkina Faso, to continue their consultations with the Co-Chairman of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation (Kuwait) as well as with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Algeria to convene the organs of the Coordinating Committee and the Twelfth Ordinary Session of the Standing Commission for Afro-Arab Cooperation in Algiers;

(c) **INVITES** all Member States to participate in the organization of the Third Afro-Arab Trade Fair due to be held in Sharjah, United Arab Emirates, from 6 to 12 December, 1997;

(d) **RECOMMENDS** that the OAU and the League of Arab States, in cooperation with the Government of Mauritania, to actively prepare the Second Afro-Arab Business Week scheduled in Nouakchott, Mauritania in March 1998;

(e) **APPEALS** to all OAU Member States and Member States of the League of Arab States to participate massively in the Second Afro-Arab Business Week.

(f) **THANKS** the Governments of the United Arab Emirates, Mauritania and Senegal for the steps taken to ensure the success of these events.

CM/Dec.345 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Special Emergency Assistance Fund for Drought and Famine in Africa - (Doc. CM/2013 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report;

(b) **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General, in consultation with the ADB and the Government of Zimbabwe, to continue with their investigation so that the grant of US$500,000 awarded to Zimbabwe in 1993 is transferred to that country's account as quickly as possible;

(c) **DECIDES** to organize a pledging session on the occasion of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government;

(d) **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General in collaboration with the Ad-hoc Committee of 14 on OAU Structural Reform to consider the possibility of entrusting the management of the Special Fund to the most appropriate department of the General Secretariat.

LEGAL MATTERS

CM/Dec.346 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Application for Observer Status with the OAU by the Union of Producers and Distributors of Electric Power in Africa (UPDEA) - (Doc. CM/2018 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General;

(b) **DECIDES** to grant observer status with the OAU in category C to the Union of Producers and Distributors of Electric Power in Africa (UPDEA).

CM/Dec.347 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Cooperation Agreement between the Organization of African Unity and International Organization for Migration (IOM) (Doc.CM/2019 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Secretary-General;

(b) **DECIDES** to defer consideration of the draft cooperation agreement to its 67th Ordinary Session.

(c) **CONSEQUENTLY REQUESTS** the General Secretariat to communicate the Draft Cooperation Agreement to Member States for study and comments before submitting them to the Sixty-Seventh Ordinary Session for consideration.

CM/Dec.348 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Draft Protocol on the Establishment of an African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights - (Doc. CM/2020 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **REQUESTS** all the Member States to submit their comments and observations on the Draft Protocol to the General Secretariat on or before 31 August, 1997;

(b) **REQUESTS** the General Secretariat to convene in Addis Ababa a third governmental legal experts meeting enlarged to include diplomats to examine and finalize the draft protocol to be submitted to the Conference of Ministers of Justice/Attorneys General which will follow immediately at the same venue for consideration and adoption and submission to the Council of Ministers;

(c) **REQUESTS** the Advisory Committee to take appropriate steps to set aside the necessary funds in the 1997/98 Budget for the convening of the said meeting;

(d) **REQUESTS** all Member States especially those not represented in Addis Ababa to ensure that they are duly represented at the above meetings. In this connection, it further **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of raising extra-budgetary funds to cover some of the expenses relating to the above meetings.

CM/Dec.349 (LXVI) - **Decision Relating to the African Candidature for Director-General of UNIDO**

Council:

(i) **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Standing Nominating Committee on the candidature of Mrs. Olubanke King - Akerele to the Post of Director-General of UNIDO;

(ii) **DECIDES TO ENDORSE** the candidature of Mrs. Olubanke King-Akerele as Africa's sole candidate for above post.

CM/Dec.350 (LXVI) - **Decision Relating to the African Candidature for the Post of Secretary-General of ITU**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Standing Nominating Committee on the Candidature of Dr. Henry Chasia to the post of the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunications Union (ITU);

(b) **DECIDES** to endorse the candidature of Dr. Henry Chasia as Africa's sole candidate for the above post.

CM/Dec.351 (LXVI) - **Decision Relating to the African Candidature for the Post of Director-General of WHO**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report of the Standing Nominating Committee on the candidature of Dr. Ibrahim Malick Samba to the post of Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO);

(b) **DECIDED** to endorse the candidature of Dr. Ibrahim Malick Samba as Africa's sole candidate of the above post.

CM/Dec.352 (LXVI) - **Decision on Rationalization of the Work of the Council**

In order to further rationalize its work Council recalls the relevant provision of its rules of procedure and decides that:

(a) Member States should in the first place submit all technical questions to the relevant organs of the OAU for consideration before submitting them to Council;

(b) Member States wishing to submit items to Council should submit the explanatory notes in advance to enable the Secretariat to process them and submit to Member States to enable Member States to study them carefully;

(c) Items submitted by Member States should be accompanied by a detailed Explanatory Note;

(d) Only in exceptional circumstances, and for issues of emergency nature, would Council allow consideration of items which contravene the three conditions stated above;

(e) **ALSO REQUESTS** the Secretariat to strictly observe the relevant rules of procedure regarding the dispatch of the documents of the Council to Member States in the designated time framework.

POLITICAL MATTERS

Report of the Secretary-General on the Conflict Situations in Africa: (Doc.CM/2004 (LXVI)

The Council of Ministers decides as follows:

CM/Dec.353 (LXVI) **The Situation in the Great Lakes Region: (Doc. CM/2004 (LXVI))- a -**

The Democratic Republic of The Congo: (Doc. CM/2004 (LXVI)

(a) Urgently **APPEALS** to the International Community including Member States of the OAU, to extend all possible assistance to the Democratic Republic of Congo for its reconstruction and rehabilitation as well as for the development of basic State institutions;

(b) **WELCOMES** the announcement made by the President of the Democratic Republic of the Congo to hold free and fair democratic elections and **URGES** the Government of this country to associate all political forces in the process leading to the organization of these elections;

(c) **APPEALS** to Member States and the International Community to provide the new Government with all the necessary assistance during the transitional period in order to enable it prepare the organization and holding of democratic, free and fair elections;

(d) **CALLS ON** the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and all the political forces of that country to show the spirit of openness, compromise and reconciliation in order to ensure a smooth transition to democratic and constitutional rule;

(e) **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** about the fate of the Rwandan and other refugees still remaining in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and **CALLS ON** the new Government to ensure their safety and to cooperate with the UNHCR and their countries of origin to facilitate their repatriation;

(f) **CALLS UPON** the Government of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and countries of asylum as well as the UNHCR to facilitate the conditions for the return of the citizens of that country who for reasons of war took refuge in the Congo and other countries;

(g) **REITERATES ITS FULL SUPPORT** for the convening of an international conference on peace, security, stability and development in the Great Lakes Region, under the auspices of the OAU and the UN.

CM/Dec.354 (LXVI) - **BURUNDI: (Doc.CM/2004 (LXVI)) - a -***

Council:

(a) **WELCOMES** the recent decision by the countries of the Region that imposed sanctions against Burundi, to relax the sanctions, as well as the declared readiness of the leaders of the Region to suspend all sanctions, with the exception of the arms embargo, once the negotiations have been initiated;

(b) **EXTENDS FULL SUPPORT** for the decisions of the countries of the Region and the Arusha Initiative;

(c) **URGES** the Government of Burundi and those in opposition to it, to commit themselves to a peaceful resolution of the conflict and pursue negotiations more vigorously and **EXPRESSES FULL CONFIDENCES** in the sincerity and impartiality of the Facilitator of the Peace Process;

(d) **EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN** over the continued state of insecurity and killings in some parts of Burundi and **CALLS ON** the Government of Burundi and all the concerned factions for an immediate end to the unnecessary and ceaseless violence;

(e) **CALLS UPON** the Government of Burundi, to disband the regroupment camps and take urgent necessary steps to create the necessary environment for security and national reconciliation to take place;

* **The delegation of Burundi entered a reservation on this Decision. The reservation is reflected in the Report of Council.**

(f) **APPEALS** to the international community to extend humanitarian and other assistance to Burundi to ameliorate the adverse effects of the conflict on the people of Burundi;

(g) **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General and the Central Organ, to consider what role the OAU should play in the future, to guarantee and consolidate any Agreements that will be reached through the negotiations process.

CM/Dec.355 (LXVI) **LIBERIA - (Doc.CM/2004 (LXVI)) - b -**

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Secretary-General and the detailed complementary information provided by the Representative of the Current Chairman of ECOWAS and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Liberia;

(b) **NOTES** the encouraging progress so far achieved in the Liberian Peace process through the disarmament of all the warring factions, the establishment of an Independent Electoral Commission, the re-constitution of the Supreme Court of Liberia; the enlargement of ECOMOG and its full deployment all over the territory, thus creating the necessary conditions for the conduct of free and fair elections;

(c) **CONGRATULATES** the Current Chairman of ECOWAS, General Sani Abacha, as well as other leaders of the region for their tireless efforts in finding a lasting solution to the Liberian crisis;

(d) **WELCOMES** the report on the elections initially scheduled for 30 May 1997 and **REQUESTS** that everything be done to ensure the respect of the new electoral date of 19 July, 1997;

(e) **COMMENDS** the ECOWAS, the OAU and the UN for early sending of an election expert to serve on the Independent electoral Commission in support of the ECOWAS Peace Plan;

(f) **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General of the OAU to make financial contribution, on behalf of the OAU, towards the work of the Independent Electoral Commission;

(g) **APPEALS** to the international community, including those who promised assistance to provide increased financial and material assistance to the Independent Electoral Commission of Liberia, ECOWAS, ECOMOG and the Government of Liberia to enable them carry out and complete their respective tasks for ensuring the successful implementation of the last phase of the revised schedule of the Abuja Agreement;

(h) **RECALLS** the importance of re-integration programme for the demobilized fighters, displaced persons and returning Liberian refugees on which the consolidation of the on-going peace process depends and **APPEALS** to the international community to give them all the attention required.

CM/Dec.356 (LXVI) **SIERRA LEONE - (Doc. CM/2004 (LXVI) - c -**

Council:

(a) **STRONGLY AND UNEQUIVOCALLY CONDEMNS**, the coup d'etat which took place in Sierra Leone on 25 May, 1997; and **CALLS** for the immediate restoration of constitutional order;

(b) **CALLS ON** all African countries, and the International Community at large, to refrain from recognizing the new regime and lending

support in any form whatsoever to the perpetrators of the coup d'etat;

(c) **APPEALS** to the leaders of ECOWAS to assist the people of Sierra Leone to restore constitutional order to the country; and **CALLS FOR** the support of other African countries and the International Community at large, in that regard;

(d) **UNDERLINES** the imperative need to implement the Abidjan Agreement which continues to serve as a viable framework for peace, stability and reconciliation in Sierra Leone.

CM/Dec.357 (LXVI) **SOMALIA - (Doc. CM/2004 (LXVI)) - d -**

Council:

(a) **REITERATES ITS UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT** to the Sodere Agreement and the efforts being deployed by the Members of the National Salvation Council (NSC) to implement the Agreement;

(b) **WELCOMES** and **SUPPORTS** the signing in Cairo on 28 of May 1997 of the Cairo Joint Agreement between the Somali leaders, H.E. Hussein Mohamed Aideed and H.E. Ali Mahdi Mohamed as a positive development that will facilitate the convening of a national reconciliation conference on Somalia;

(c) **CALLS UPON** all Somali factions to join the peace process so as to bring about an all inclusive, all embracing political settlement of the Conflict in the country;

(d) **REAFFIRMS** the sovereignty, unity and territorial integrity of Somalia as one and indivisible State;

(e) **WELCOMES** the financial, political and diplomatic support rendered by the OAU to implement the Sodere Agreement and **REQUESTS** the OAU to continue to provide all the necessary assistance in the search for a negotiated, sustainable and permanent settlement of the conflict in Somalia;

(f) **CALLS UPON** the UN and the other Inter-governmental Organizations, including the Arab League and the Organization of the Islamic Conference, as well as the International Community at large, to closely coordinate their efforts with the OAU and IGAD, in the search for a solution to the conflict in Somalia;

(g) **CALLS UPON** the Secretary-General of the UN to establish a Trust Fund for Somalia in accordance with the proposal that he has already submitted to the UN Security Council in his last report on Somalia;

(h) **APPEALS** to the International Community to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance; as well as provide aid for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of Somalia, especially in areas where peace prevails and where local administrations have been established, serving as a means to underpin the efforts of the Somali people themselves to bring the conflict to an end.

CM/Dec.358 (LXVI) **ANGOLA - (Doc.CM/2004 (LXVI)) - e -**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Angola;

(b) **WELCOMES** the formation of the Government of National Unity and Reconciliation (GNUR) and **CALLS ON** the latter to persevere in its efforts to complete the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol, particularly as regards the application of the principle of extending the administration and authority of the State to cover the entire territory;

(c) **RECOGNIZES** the urgent need for a well-organized demobilization and reintegration of former combatants in the socio-economic life of the country;

(d) **URGES UNITA** to continue to cooperate in good faith with the Government and the United Nations in the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol;

(e) **RENEWS ITS APPEAL** to the International Community to continue to provide humanitarian assistance to the population and to honour the promise made at the Brussels Round Table on the economic reconstruction of Angola;

(f) **COMMENDS** the UN Secretary-General, his Special Representative in Angola, Mr. Alioune Blondin Beye and the OAU Secretary-General for their efforts aimed at facilitating the implementation of the Lusaka Protocol;

(g) **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to closely monitor the situation in Angola and submit a report thereon to the next Session of Council.

CM/Dec.359 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Question of Palestine - (Doc.CM/2005 (LXVI)**

Council:

(a) **REAFFIRMS** the right of the Palestinian people under the leadership of the PLO, to exercise their inalienable national rights, their right to return to their homeland, including their homes and property, self-determination and the establishment of an independent State on their national soil with East Jerusalem as its capital in accordance with the principles and resolutions of the United Nations;

(b) **EXPRESSES ITS DEEP CONCERN** and **CONDEMNS** Israel's violation of the principles of peace and peaceful coexistence and its disregard for the principles on which the peace process is based;

(c) **CALLS UPON** Israel to immediately stop the practice of confiscating Palestinian lands, especially those in East Jerusalem and its environs and the expansion of settlements in violation of Security Council resolutions 242, 338, 465 and 478, which threatens to undermine the peace process;

(d) **EMPHASIZES** the need to implement General Assembly Resolution A/ES-10/1 adopted by its Special Emergency Session held on 25

April 1997 on the Status of Jerusalem and the need for Israel to end its illegal measures in the other occupied Palestinian territories;

(e) **CALLS UPON** Israel to immediately halt the construction work being carried out in Jebel Abou Ghoneim and **URGES** the countries that sponsor the peace process, the parties concerned and the international community at large to suspend all forms of

assistance and support to the illegal activities being undertaken in occupied Palestinian territories;

(f) **EMPHASIZES** the need to preserve the territorial integrity of occupied Palestine lands, ensure the freedom of movement of persons and communities within the region and remove restrictions on entry to East Jerusalem and freedom of movement within the Palestinian territories in general;

(g) **EMPHASIZES** the Right of the Palestinian Refugees to return to their homes in accordance with the principles of human rights and international legitimate resolutions, especially UN General Assembly Resolution (194) and the Security Council Resolution (237);

(h) **CALLS** for the freezing of relations with Israel at their present level due to the gravity and urgency of the situation;

(i) **FURTHER CALLS** for the initiation of all possible measures to ensure Israel's adherence to the terms of reference of the Madrid Conference and the principle of land for peace and its full implementation of all the agreements and commitment entered into by the parties concerned during the peace talks;

(j) **REAFFIRMS** the urgent need to make Israel respect the principles of the International Humanitarian Law as stipulated in the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949 in the Palestinian territories which it has been occupying since 1967, including Jerusalem;

(k) **REAFFIRMS** that adherence to agreements and the international law is a sine qua non for the maintenance of international peace and security. **CALLS** for the strict implementation of the peace agreements and **URGES** the countries that sponsor the peace process, the parties concerned and the international community

as a whole to deploy all possible efforts to revamp the peace process and ensure its success.

CM/Dec.360 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation in the Middle East - (Doc.CM/2006 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **RECALLS** all the relevant resolutions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government and Council of Ministers on the Situation in the Middle East;

(b) **REAFFIRMS** that the Question of Palestine is the core of the struggle in the Middle East and that there can be no just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the Middle East unless Israel withdraws from all occupied Palestinian and Arab lands, including East Jerusalem, the Syrian Golan Heights and Southern Lebanon and unless the Palestinian people are allowed to exercise their

inalienable national rights in accordance with the relevant UN Security Council Resolutions, especially Resolutions 242, 338, 465, 478 and 425, based on the principle of Land for Peace;

(c) **CALLS** for the initiation of all possible measures to ensure Israel's adherence to the terms of reference of the Madrid Conference and the principle of land for peace and its full implementation of all the agreements and commitments entered into by the parties on all tracks during the peace talks;

(d) **URGES** the United Nations General Assembly and the international community to ensure complete Israeli compliance with UN and International Atomic Energy Agency resolutions on the use of

nuclear installations only for peaceful purposes, to force Israel to allow international inspection of its nuclear installations and to draw the attention of the Security Council and International Atomic Energy Agency to the actual and potential threat posed by radiation leakage from the Daimuma reactors in the absence of international inspection;

(e) **REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT** for the proposal of H.E. President Hosni Mubarak to declare the Middle East a region free of nuclear weapons and all weapons of mass destruction;

(f) **URGES** all States of the region that have not yet signed the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, to desist from manufacturing, producing, testing or possessing nuclear weapons; to sign the treaty, and to place their nuclear installations under the supervision of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

CM/Dec.361 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Elimination of Unjust and Unilateral Economic Measures against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya - (Doc.CM/2007 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN** over the unjust economic measures whose effect is felt beyond the region of the country concerned in violation of the International Law, thus undermining the interests of other countries, especially the developing ones. They also cause a lot of economic and social harm that has a spill over on the neighbouring countries and peoples;

(b) **EMPHASIZES** the need to put an immediate end to these measures in order to realize the aims and objectives of the OAU and the Member States and their aspirations and right to achieve economic growth and development;

(c) **REAFFIRMS** that, in the exercise of the inalienable right of economic growth and social advancement, OAU Member States demand an immediate to this sanctions which go beyond the territorial boundaries of the country concerned based on repressive economic measures and legislations unilaterally imposed by one country to the detriment of other countries beyond its boundaries, which is not acceptable.

CM/Dec. 362 (LXVI) - **Report of the OAU Commission of Twenty on the Situation of Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in Africa - (Doc.CM/2008 (LXVI)) Rev.1**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report of the OAU Commission of Twenty on Refugees and **ENDORSES** the recommendations contained therein;

(b) **INVITES** Member States to do all within their powers to achieve peaceful settlement and intra-State and Inter-State conflicts in order to find durable solutions to the refugee crises in the region in conformity with the OAU Charter, the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees with its 1967 Protocol, the 1969 OAU Convention governing the specific aspects of refugee problems in Africa as well as the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights;

(c) **CALLS ON** all Member States to respect the cardinal principles enshrined on the International Convention and that of the OAU Convention on Refugees;

(d) **ALSO CALLS UPON** Member States concerned to create conditions of peace and security in order to ensure the prompt and safe delivery of relief assistance to refugees and displaced persons and the safety of relief workers;

(e) **EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE** to the Member States which have been granting asylum and extending assistance to refugees and displaced persons in the spirit of African solidarity and co-operation as well as to Member States which have endeavoured to promote voluntary repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation of refugees and displaced persons and **APPEALS** to other Member States concerned to promote conditions conducive to the return and sustainable reintegration of refugees and displaced persons in their countries of origin;

(f) **REQUESTS** the OAU Commission of Twenty on Refugees and the OAU Secretariat to continue to undertake activities under its Programme of Action aimed at sensitizing an appreciation of the refugee situation in Africa and in mobilizing resources for their assistance;

(g) **URGES** the International Community, in particular the UNHCR and ICRC, to increase their resources to meet the increasing needs of refugees, returnees and displaced persons in the continent;

(h) **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General, in close collaboration with other Organizations, especially the UNHCR, to convene a ministerial meeting of countries who are members of the OAU Commission of Twenty on Refugees as soon as possible to discuss and find durable solutions to the problem of refugees and displaced persons in Africa.

CM/Dec.363 (LXVI) - **Report of the Secretary-General on the Issue of Anti-Personnel and International Efforts to Reach a Total Ban (Doc. CM/2009 (LXVI))**

Council:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the Report.

(b) **REAFFIRMS** all its previous resolutions on the question of anti-personnel mines, especially resolutions CM/Res.1593 (LXII) and CM/Res.1628 (LXIII);

(c) **ENDORSES** the Plan of Action adopted by the First continental conference of African Mine Experts held in Kempton Park, South Africa, from 19 to 21 May 1997, and **COMMENDS** the OAU Secretary-General for this laudable initiative in that connection;

(d) **RECOGNIZES** the contribution of the establishment of sub-regional anti-personnel mines free-zones to the ultimate goal of achieving a total ban at the level of the African Continent;

(e) **STRESSES** the need that the problem of mines be addressed in a coordinated, multi-faceted and balanced manner banning comprehensively anti-personnel mines and intensifying efforts and actions with regard to mine-clearance and mine victim assistance especially in Africa;

(f) **ADOPTS** as a goal the elimination of anti-personnel mines in Africa and the establishment of Africa as an anti-personnel mines - Free Zone;

(g) **URGES** Member States to fully and actively participate in the Ottawa process, particularly the meetings scheduled for Brussels (24 - 27 June, 1997), Oslo (September 1997) and Ottawa at which a treaty for the total prohibition of anti-personnel mines is expected to be signed;

(h) **CALLS ON** all Member States to adhere as early as possible to the 1980 United Nations Convention on prohibition or restriction on the use of certain weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects, and its protocol II if they have not already done so, and **APPEALS** to all

Member States to adhere to the amended protocol II as well as the new Protocol IV on blinding laser weapons;

(i) **APPEALS** to the International Community to render to the affected African countries all necessary assistance to enable them to effectively carry out mine clearance and mine victim assistance operations, and facilitate implementation of the Kempton Park Plan of Action through increased mobilization of resources;

(j) **UNDERSCORES** the moral responsibility of the countries which masterminded the emplacement of mines in Africa during the Second World war and/or colonial conflicts and URGES the said countries to devote a part of their resources, in particular, a reasonable percentage of their military budget to mine clearance and assistance to mine victims in the affected African countries;

(k) **CALLS UPON** those countries responsible for infesting the African countries with mines to provide those affected countries with all necessary information on demining including data, technical assistance, assessment of surveys specially maps as well as the movement of illegal mine transfers;

(l) **REITERATES** the urgency and the need for inter-African cooperation in mine clearance and assistance to mine victims, and **EMPHASIZES** the primordial role to be played by the OAU in coordinating actions in those areas, as part of implementation of the plan of Action;

(m) **REQUESTS** the Secretary-General to monitor implementation of the present resolution as well as the Kempton Park Plan of Action, and submit a report thereon to the next ordinary session of the Council of Ministers.

ANNEX II

Declarations and decisions adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity at its thirty-third ordinary session

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Declarations

AHG/Decl.I (XXXIII)

HARARE DECLARATION ON MALARIA PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE CONTEXT OF AFRICAN ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-Third Ordinary Session in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 2 to 4 June 1997,

Bearing in mind Declaration AHG/Decl.1 (XXIII) on Health "Basis of Development" adopted at the Twenty-Third Ordinary Session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government in Addis Ababa,

Recalling other major Declarations on the development of the Continent adopted by its previous sessions, particularly Declarations:

- **AHG/Decl.4 (XXX) on Population and Development in Africa;**
- **AHG/Decl.5 (XXX) on Social Development.**

Recognizing the burden that malaria places on the population of Africa and that malaria remains a killer disease and a barrier to sustainable social and economic development,

Taking note that:

- **the disease and death (4,200 deaths everyday) caused by malaria only in tropical Africa is unacceptably high;**
- **malaria is a major impediment to social and economic development in Africa (US$ 5 million loss everyday);**
- **there is a need for political commitment by all African countries in terms of malaria control policies, resource allocation and mobilization of communities at country level for active participation in malaria control;**
- **most national programmes are still at the initial stages of implementation and the scope of intervention activities is limited;**
- **tools for malaria control in Africa are available to reduce deaths and illness but are not accessible, for various reasons, in appropriate forms;**

- changes taking place in the world in the area of development often create conditions favourable for malaria transmission opening the way for epidemics in areas which were previously malaria-free;

Acknowledging the invaluable technical and financial contributions provided to Member States of our Organization by all its partners, especially WHO, UNICEF, UNDP, UNESCO and The World Bank Group, in their efforts to prevent and control malaria,

Mindful of the grave concern and alarm over the loss of life and degradation in the quality of life caused by malaria, expressed by Member States of the United Nations at the 50th Regular Session of the General Assembly in 1995, as well as the reaffirmation of their endorsement of the Global Strategy for malaria control:

1. **PLEDGES** to:

a) consider malaria control in Africa as one of its priority programmes and reaffirms its unflagging resolve to maintain the gains so far achieved and prevent the outbreak of epidemics;

b) support fully the implementation of the Global and Regional Strategy and approaches recommended by the World Health Organization;

c) implement well planned and coordinated malaria control programmes involving individuals, families, communities, institutions, relevant government Ministries, and other public and private sectors;

d) allocate sufficient human, financial and material resources, and mobilize other local resources including resources from non-governmental and private and civil sectors, for the sustained prevention and control of malaria in Africa;

e) mobilize additional external resources from international agencies, governmental and non-governmental agencies, foundations and industrial and commercial enterprises to support national and commercial action to control malaria and surveillance to prevent epidemics and sustain the progress made;

f) support malaria prevention and control through well defined policies and appropriate legislation and its enforcement, to facilitate programme implementation, community participation and access to preventive measures and treatment, for all population at risk;

g) implement in our countries the activities enumerated in the attached **African Plan of Action.**

2. **CALLS UPON** all Member States to take immediate and substantive action to:

a) give their full political support to actions directed towards sustainable malaria prevention and control as an urgent priority, and mobilize all local, traditional and national and international leaders to participate actively in the control programme;

b) further develop and implement plans for malaria prevention and control including their incorporation into development projects based on environmental and health impact assessments;

c) develop strong community based programmes to mobilize active community participation for malaria prevention and control;

d) promote and support micro-financing schemes, especially for women, to initiate income generating projects aimed at basic environmental and household improvements which contribute to the prevention and control of malaria and the ready availability of affordable essential drugs, materials, supplies and transportation for personal protection and treatment;

e) develop mechanisms that will facilitate and ensure well coordinated multisectoral action to reduce substantially the burden of malaria and promote inter-country collaboration and coordination of efforts;

f) promote basic and operational research to ensure that new tools, including vaccines, are made available without delay and existing ones are used in the most cost-effective and sustainable manner.

3. **MANDATES** the Ministries of Health of OAU Member States in collaboration with all other relevant sectors of Government to ensure that the malaria control strategy recommended by the World Health Organization, is included in their action programme and evaluated at least once annually;

4. **WELCOMES**

   a) the initiatives taken by the Director-General, and Regional Directors of the African and Eastern Mediterranean Regions, of the World Health Organization to re-organize and strengthen malaria activities that have established and reinforced the foundation for further development and implementation of sustainable malaria prevention and control in African countries in order to prevent deaths and reduce illness due to malaria;

   b) the tremendous efforts made by WHO, The World Bank Group, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO, other international agencies, governmental and non-governmental organizations as well as other partners, to provide OAU Member States with the necessary technical logistical and financial support for the control of and research into malaria in Africa;

5. **REQUESTS** the WHO, the World Bank Group, UNDP, UNICEF, UNESCO and other relevant governmental and non-governmental organizations to augment their material, financial and scientific support to OAU Member States in order to substantially reduce the unnecessary suffering, loss of life and economic and social burden experienced by the present population in Africa and to sustain them in the long term for the benefit of future generations;

6. **INVITES** Governments and other partners including multilateral and bilateral agencies to participate actively in a vigorous coordinated effort to control malaria in Africa in the remaining years of this millennium, and to build a foundation for sustainable malaria control into the third millennium;

7. **MANDATES** the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to submit to the next OAU Summit a Plan of Action for the follow-up on and evaluation of the implementation of this declaration over a five-year period, as well as a progress report thereon every year.

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Annex

PROPOSED PLAN OF ACTION

Priority areas of Action **Approaches and Activities**

Health Systems:

- Improve the capacity of the health services to respond promptly and appropriately to the needs of the population for disease prevention and control in a comprehensive manner.

- Further develop mechanisms to ensure adequate, uninterrupted and prompt delivery of supplies, especially of drugs, insecticides and other malaria-related materials.

Disease Management:

- Improve the quality of diagnosis and treatment by training, supervision and continuing education and by improving laboratory facilities and drug supply.

- Establish community based programmes for the early diagnosis and prompt adequate treatment of malaria.

- Provide health education and communication to schools, parents, especially mothers, and persons caring for young children, on recognition of malaria and treatment in the home.

Provision of anti-malarial Drugs:

- Update national drug policies and assure their implementation and review across both government and private health sectors.

- Support the establishment and/or maintenance and extension of national drugs supply services.

- Promote rational prescribing policies in both the public and private sectors and an efficient regulatory authority that critically reviews all applications for market approval with meticulous inspection and enforcement.

- Support and contribute to the establishment and/or maintenance and extension of national and regional independent drug quality control laboratories.

Disease Prevention:

- Sensitize the population to those preventive measures, such as house screening and the use of personal prevention measures, including the use of mosquito nets, that can be carried out by families and communities.

- Support a public campaign to popularize the use of malaria prevention measures, especially for high risk population groups such as pregnant women and young children, particularly during high risk periods of the year.

- Support the selective use of vector control measures;

- Provide written and electronic information on malaria incidence and control to industries especially those related to agricultural development schemes, water and mining;

- Improve communication, physical and electronic, between peripheral areas affected by malaria and the centrally organized services, including tertiary facilities.

Disease Surveillance and Epidemic Detection and Control:

- Take action to ensure regular, reliable reporting of malaria cases and deaths, monitor progress and to guide the allocation of resources and provide health information services to health workers which are appropriate, opposite and up-to-date;

- Establish an effective system of alerting the malaria control programme to new development projects, labour and other population movements, environmental change and planned development;

- Establish an alert and effective epidemic response capability with a well developed preparedness plan backed up by stocks of, or rapid access to, the necessary supplies of drugs, insecticides and equipment and trained personnel and transport to be able to contain any outbreak as rapidly as possible.

Sustainable Control:

- Promote essential multi-sectoral action to ensure that projects and activities do not create vector breeding, and expose workers, families and communities to an increased risk of malaria, and to enact and enforce appropriate legislation;

- Promote awareness among the business community on the positive benefits and negative economic impact of a continuing malaria problem, influence them to provide material and financial support to the malaria control programme and for community action, and provide official recognition to those making a sustained, substantial contribution;

- Create business opportunities and provide special incentives (such as exemption from excise, import and sales taxes) that would ensure that vulnerable people in the community have ready access to the necessary drugs, supplies, services, mosquito nets, mosquito repellents and other essential commodities when needed, and that they are well informed on how to prevent malaria, cure the disease and reduce length of illness and prevent death;

- Support and actively promote various initiatives for sustainability of malaria control as a result of increased social and economic development, through income generating projects within a basic development needs approach, and micro-financing schemes, to stimulate self-sufficiency;

- Establish on a sound footing, and enforce with the support of appropriate legislation, those essential public health functions that promote the sustained control of malaria, for instance, the system of surveillance, water resources management and sanitation as well as other functions. These functions should be implemented as a responsibility of government or carried out by other sectors monitored closely and legislated by government;

Human Resources Development:

- Provide continuing education opportunities, materials and organized learning sessions for health service personnel to enable them to keep abreast of national policy and guidelines on malaria control and international trends;

- Establish a long range national training programme following capacity building needs assessment, for all levels of the health services and malaria control programme, including the development and adaptation of training materials, and high quality training, based on WHO standards and norms;

- Ensure that standards and guidelines for case management, disease prevention, epidemic surveillance and control and other control related activities are incorporated into training activities, and that they provide a basis for evaluating competencies acquired by trainees during both training and work performance in all disciplines of health professions and including traditional health practitioners;

- Regularly review the curriculum of schools of medicine, public health, allied sciences and other training institutions to ensure that they are up to date with regard to national policies and disease management standards;

Inter-disciplinary Operational Research

- In collaboration with appropriate institutions, develop the capacity within the national malaria control programme to conduct, and analyze inter-disciplinary operational research on issues of direct relevance to the control objectives, and provide guidance for programme changes as necessary;

- Exchange of results of operational research between countries of the region, particularly those sharing similar problems, interests and borders.

AHG/Decl.2 (XXXIII)

DECLARATION OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ORDINARY SESSION OF THE OAU ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT ON THE DISPUTE BETWEEN THE LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND GREAT BRITAIN

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), meeting in our Thirty-third Ordinary Session in HARARE, ZIMBABWE, from 2 - 4 June, 1997 exhaustively discussed the dispute between the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya on the one hand, and the United States of America and the United Kingdom on the other. In examining this problem, we were guided by the principles enshrined in the United Nations and OAU Charters respectively, requiring Member States to settle their differences by peaceful means, through dialogue, negotiation and legal procedures, to respect the independence of all Member States and refrain from any threats to their sovereignty, territorial integrity and the security of their nationals.

2. After considering the Secretary-General's report and that of the OAU Ministerial Committee on the dispute, we took note of the fact that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya had fully met the requirements demanded by the UN Security Council as contained in Resolution 731 (1992). As a matter of fact, Libya had unequivocally condemned terrorism in all its forms as well as all those perpetrating or encouraging it, and had made clear her readiness to give all necessary cooperation to the international community with a view to eradicating that heinous phenomenon. However, Libya had found it impossible to extradite its two nationals allegedly implicated in the bombing over Lockerbie in 1988.

3. We, regretting the continued sanctions imposed on the country, expressed our deep concern over the human and material deprivations to which the Libyan people have been subjected. We wish to emphasize that these obnoxious sanctions affect not only the Libyan people, but also the neighbouring countries as well as African workers from other countries of the continent.

4. We were once again informed that the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya was willing to cooperate fully in any regional or international effort aimed at resolving the crisis. In this connection, we take note of the fact that the Government of Libya has accepted the initiative of the League of Arab States supported by the OAU, the Non-Aligned Movement and the Islamic Conference Organization, to the effect that

the two Libyan suspects be given a just and fair trial by Scottish judges and according to Scottish Law at the Headquarters of the International Court of Justice (ICJ). We remain convinced that this initiative, if accepted, constitutes a practical solution and should guarantee a just and fair trial whereby the interests of the concerned parties would be taken into account. Indeed, the objective of Resolution 731 (1992) is not to violate the sovereignty of Libya but rather to serve the cause of justice and reveal the truth. We strongly deplore the fact that one or two concerned countries have so far shown indifference to the initiatives presented to them with a view to a just and equitable solution to the crisis. This has led to an impasse and, as a result, the entire people of Libya have not only been held hostage for five years, but have also been subjected to collective suffering because of accusations none of the two countries concerned have been able to substantiate.

5. In its search for a just and urgent solution to the conflict, in close cooperation with the League of Arab States, We once again express our hope that the Security Council consider the ways and means for a rapid resolution of the crisis, and to this end, submit for consideration the following recommendations adopted jointly with the League of Arab States, and supported by the Non-Aligned Group.

Option 1: Hold the trial of the two suspects in a third and neutral country to be determined by the Security Council.

Option 2: Have the two suspects tried by Scottish judges at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) at the Hague, in accordance with Scottish Law.

Option 3: Establish a special criminal tribunal at the ICJ Headquarters in the Hague to try the two suspects.

6. We, Heads of State and Government call on the Security Council to accept one of the proposed options thereby facilitating the speedy and definitive resolution of the dispute. In the same vein, we appeal to the Security Council to lift the sanctions imposed on the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya. This has become imperative more so as the sanctions are having an increasingly devastating effect on the people of Libya as well as on the country's economy. In this connection, we endorse the position expressed by the Council of Ministers at its Sixty-Fourth Ordinary Session held in Yaounde, Cameroon, from 1 - 6 July, 1996 and at its Sixty-Fifth Ordinary Session held in Tripoli, Libya, from 24 - 28 February, 1997, to the effect that continued imposition of sanctions might lead African

countries to devise other means of sparing the Libyan people future suffering. In this respect, we mandate the Secretary-General of the OAU to prepare a practical plan of action.

7. We, Heads of State and Government commend the efforts made by the two committees set up, respectively, by the OAU and the League of Arab States on the dispute, and encourage them to proceed with the implementation of the Plan of Action agreed upon by the two committees with a view to reaching an acceptable solution of the dispute. At the same time, we appeal to the International Community and the Security Council, in particular, to heed the support given to the Libyan position, by regional Organizations and numerous States. We also call upon the Security Council, to envisage as a prelude to the lifting of sanctions imposed upon the Libyan Jamahiriya - provisions for exempting from the embargo such flights as may be run by the Libyan Airlines for a humanitarian purpose, including assistance in kind to some African countries; for promoting the role played by the Libyan Jamahiriya in the African context as well as flights for religious purposes.

8. We, Heads of State and Government appreciate the support given by the African States, individually and collectively to the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with a view to mitigating the negative impact of the embargo.

9. Lastly, we Heads of State and Government appreciating the efforts made by the Secretary-General, call upon the latter to follow the implementation of the present declaration and report thereon to our next session.

AHG/Decl.3 (XXXIII)

HARARE DECLARATION OF THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE OAU ON THE REFORM OF THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL

We, the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity meeting in our Thirty-Third Ordinary Session in Harare, Zimbabwe, from 2 to 4 June 1997,

Reaffirming the Declaration we adopted in Tunis, Tunisia at the 30th Ordinary Session of our Assembly, on the reform of the United Nations Security Council,

Reiterating the need to democratize the Council and make it more efficient and transparent,

Convinced of the necessity to enlarge the composition of the Council and reform its decision-making process,

Stressing the imperative need of ensuring equitable geographical representation in the Security Council,

Recognizing the collective responsibility of maintaining International peace and Security in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations,

Declare as follows:

1. The composition of the Security Council should be democratized to reflect the increase in the number of State members of the United Nations;

2. Membership of the Security Council should be expanded to 26;

   This expansion of the Security Council should embrace both categories of its membership, for the benefit of developing countries, and African countries in particular;

   (a) Africa should be allocated no less than two permanent seats. These seats will be allotted to countries by a decision of Africans themselves, in accordance with a system of rotation based on the current established criteria of the OAU and subsequent elements which might improve upon these criteria,

   (b) Africa should also be allocated five non-permanent seats in the expanded Security Council.

3. New permanent members should be granted same prerogatives and powers as the current members;

Ultimately, the permanent members should also be nominated by their respective regions and elected by the General Assembly. Such a system of periodic elections of Permanent Members of the Security Council, will in the final analysis ensure that the decisions of the Council are less subject to the strictly national interest of its various members;

4. The need to strengthen the transparency of the Security Council, improve upon its functioning, methods of work, decision-making process and its relations with States non-members of the Council, and endorse the relevant document of the Non-Aligned Movement adopted in New Delhi on 8 April 1997;

5. The need for periodic review of the structure and functioning of the Security Council in order to enable it respond better and more effectively to the new challenges in international relations, especially with regard to international peace and security;

6. By adopting these decisions, we reaffirm that:

(a) Efforts aimed at restructuring the Security Council should not be subjected to a pre-determined time-table. While recognizing the need to deal with the issue as a matter of urgency, no decision should be taken before a general agreement has been reached;

(b) The same importance should be accorded to the enlargement of the composition of the Security Council and improvement in its method of work;

(c) The exercise of the right of veto should be progressively curtailed until abrogated.

7. In pursuit of the above, We:

(a) **Direct** the African Group at the UN to continue to consider in detail the proposals submitted to an open-ended Working Group on the restructuring of the Security Council in order to arrive at a general agreement which takes into account the interests of Africa.

(b) **Mandate** our Permanent Representatives at the United Nations in New York, to continue to defend the African Common Position and examine in greater detail the concept and modalities of rotation as well as its application to the Permanent seats.

8. Finally, request our Ministers of Foreign affairs to remain seized of the matter and its developments.

AHG/Decl.4 (XXXIII)

DECLARATION ON AFRICA'S INDUSTRIALIZATION

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, meeting in its Thirty-third Ordinary Session in Harare, Zimbabwe from 2 -4 June, 1997,

Conscious of the important role of industrialization in the economic transformation of a nation, and **noting with concern** the precarious state of African industries,

Recalling the motion of support for the United Nations Industrial Development Organization adopted by the Thirty-first Assembly of OAU Heads of State and Government held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in June 1995, and the Abidjan Declaration of October, 1996 establishing the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization,

Conscious of the need to involve the donor community and the other United Nations agencies in the formulation and implementation of the Alliance Programmes:

1. **DECIDES** to redouble efforts to promote sustainable industrial developments to overcome major economic and social constraints and achieve a greater stake in the global market place as called for in the Lagos Plan of Action and the Abuja Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community;

2. **REAFFIRMS** its belief that without sustainable industrial development, African economies will be condemned to persistent economic crisis, dependence on humanitarian relief and deepening poverty, despair and political unrest with dire consequences for global peace and stability;

3. **NOTES WITH APPRECIATION** the significant role played by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in harnessing the joint forces of government and the private sector to foster competitive industrial production, develop international industrial partnerships and promote socially equitable and environmentally friendly industrial development;

4. **IS APPRECIATIVE** of the significant reforms undertaken by UNIDO in recent years and **CALLS** on the international community and partners in development to strengthen the Organization and maintain it as the UN specialized agency focusing on promoting industrial development through institutional capacity building, investments, environmentally friendly technologies, skills enhancement and facilitating partnerships and initiatives to support global industrial cooperation in developing countries and countries in transition;

5. **TAKES NOTE** of the findings and recommendations of the mid-term evaluation of the Second Industrial Development Decade (IDDA-II) Programme, and **ADOPTS** the Plan of Action of the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization as the implementation mechanism for a refocused IDDA-II Programme;

6. **CALLS ON** Member States and the Regional Economic Communities, with the full involvement of the African private sector and with the technical support of UNIDO and other relevant international organizations, to elaborate national and regional plans of action for the Alliance;

7. **APPROVES** the creation of a Patron Group of Africa's Industrialization, consisting of five Heads of State and Government;

8. **APPROVES** the creation of a Steering Committee - including its structure, composition, technical committees and supporting secretariat, to coordinate and guide the activities of the Alliance and develop strategies to promote the Alliance in Africa, in other developing regions and in developed countries;

9. **INVITES** each African country to take appropriate measures at the national level to incorporate the objectives of the Alliance in multilateral as well as bilateral cooperation programmes.

10. **REQUESTS** the Director-General of UNIDO, in cooperation with the Executive Secretary of the ECA and the Secretary-General of OAU, to organize preferably by the end of 1998, a meeting of donors under the leadership of the African Development Bank, in cooperation with the World Bank, the European Union and the United Nations Development Programme, as well as the other donors, in order to decide on the measures to be taken for financing programmes elaborated in the framework of the Plan of Action for the Alliance for Africa's Industrialization.

Decisions

AHG/Dec.120 (XXXIII)

DECISION

Harare Declaration on Malaria Prevention and Control

(Doc. CM/1999 (LXVI) Add.4))

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government:

(i) **TAKES NOTE** of the intervention of the representative of Zimbabwe in introducing this item;

(ii) **FURTHER TAKES NOTE** of the support of the OAU Member States of the urgent need to accelerate the prevention and control of Malaria in Africa;

(iii) **ADOPTS** the Harare Declaration on Malaria Prevention and Control and the Plan of Action annexed thereto.

AHG/Dec.121 (XXXIII)

DECISION

Mobilization of Africa in favour of the Alliance for Industrialization of the Continent - (Doc.CM/1999 (LXVI) Add.6))

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government:

(i) **TAKES NOTE** of the intervention of the representative of Cote d'Ivoire in introducing this item;

(ii) **TAKES NOTE** of the Statement of the Chairman of the Thirteenth Ordinary Session of the Conference of African Ministers of Industry CAMI 13, the Minister of Trade and Industry of Ghana, on the outcome of the Conference;

(iii) **ADOPTS** the Declaration on the Industrialization of Africa prepared by CAMI 13.

AHG/Dec.122 (XXXIII)

DECISION

United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa - (Doc. CM/1999 (LXVI) Add.1))

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government:

(a) **TAKES NOTE** of the report;

(b) **COMMENDS** the Regional Centre for the activities so far carried out to promote dialogue at regional and sub-regional levels and the dissemination of information on peace, security and disarmament in Africa, despite its limited financial resources;

(c) **REAFFIRMS** the need to keep the Centre operational in accordance with its mandate and the necessity for it the latter to work in close collaboration with the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution for the promotion of preventive diplomacy, peaceful resolution of conflicts, disarmament, peace, security and humanitarian activities;

(d) **INVITES** African States and African Sub-regional Organizations to make annual payments to the Special Trust Fund and the International Community to make voluntary contributions to enable the Regional Centre to successfully implement its programme of activities and improve its services;

(e) **REQUESTS** the UN Secretary-General to appoint a Director to be based at the Headquarters of the Centre and take appropriate measures to enable the latter to discharge its responsibility;

(f) **ALSO REQUESTS** the UN General Assembly to invite the United Nations Secretary-General to take the necessary administrative measures to ensure, among other things the smooth functioning

of the Centre, bearing in mind the role to be played by the Centre as part of conflicts prevention and maintenance of peace and security in Africa;

(g) **CALLS UPON** the OAU General Secretariat and the Regional Centre to strengthen cooperation not only between the two institutions but also between the Regional Centre, Regional and the Sub-regional Organizations working for peace, security and development, particularly the UN Standing Advisory Committee on Security Matters in Central Africa;

(h) **FURTHER INVITES** the OAU General Secretariat and the Centre to approach the donor countries and International Institutions and Foundations in order to raise the Funds needed to revitalize and ensure the smooth functioning of the Centre;

(i) **REQUESTS** the OAU Secretary-General to submit a report to the Thirty-fourth Ordinary Session on the implementation of the present decision.

AHG/Dec.123 (XXXIII)

DECISION ON THE TENTH ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT OF THE AFRICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN AND PEOPLES' RIGHTS

The Assembly:

1. **ADOPTS** the Tenth Annual Activity Report of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and **AUTHORIZES** its publication;

2. **COMMENDS** the African Commission for the excellent work done and **EXHORTS** it to persevere in its efforts to promote and protect Human and Peoples' Rights in Member States in keeping with its mandate;

3. **INVITES** all Member States to co-operate with the African Commission in the accomplishment of its mandate in general, and the implementation of the Mauritius Plan of Action (1996-2001) in particular, with a view to strengthening the promotion and respect for Human and Peoples' Rights in Africa;

4. **ACKNOWLEDGES** the inadequate resources at the disposal of the African Commission and **CALLS ON** the competent organs of the OAU to take the necessary measures, as appropriate, to provide the African Commission as quickly as possible with adequate human and financial resources to ensure its smooth functioning;

5. **REQUESTS** that a report be submitted to the Thirty-Fourth Ordinary Session on the implementation of this decision.

Decision adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the African Economic Community at its first ordinary session, held at Harare on 3 June 1997

AHG/AEC/Dec.1 (I)

DECISION ON THE AFRICAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

The Assembly of Heads of State and Government:

Considering the Treaty Establishing the African Economic Community,

Considering the Charter of the Organization of African Unity,

Further considering Decision CM/Dec.316 (LXV) of the OAU Council of Ministers on the First Session of the Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC), of the OAU/African Economic Community:

1. **ADOPTS:**

   (i) the recommendations of the First Session of the Economic and Social Commission (ECOSOC) of the Community held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on 20 and 21 November, 1996;

   (ii) the Protocol on relations between the African Economic Community and the Regional Economic Communities;

   (iii) the Work Programme of ECOSOC.

2. **AUTHORIZES** the Secretary-General of the OAU/Community to sign, on behalf of all Member States, the Protocol on the relations between the African Economic Community and the Regional Economic Communities;

3. **DISSOLVES** the OAU Permanent Steering Committee on economic matters;

4. **URGES** the Member States which have not yet signed and/or ratified the Treaty Establishing the African Economic to do so;

5. **FURTHER URGES** the Regional Economic Communities to ensure that African economic integration related issues are included on the agenda of the Sessions of their respective communities and

6. **REQUESTS** the Member States concerned to identify the Economic Community which would serve as a regional pillar of the African Economic Community.